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BIG MACK-VCI STATREP

SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS FOR JUNE 1971

I. Overview

(C) The Big Mack for June shows a total of 61,994 VCI for RVN. This reflects a decrease of 341 from the total reported for May. The following chart shows the figures for the last two months.

	<u>May 1971</u> <u>Identified</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Village/ Hamlet Level	18,007	22,614	40,621
Higher Level	8,285	11,129	19,414
Total	26,292	33,743 plus COSVN	2,300 62,335

	<u>June 1971</u> <u>Identified</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Village/ Hamlet Level	17,963	23,090	41,053
Higher Level	8,174	10,467	18,641
Total	26,137	33,557 plus COSVN	2,300 61,994

(C) The village/hamlet level category increased 432, while the higher level category decreased 773, 86% of which were estimated cadre. The total number of identified cadre decreased 155 and the total estimated decreased 186. The decrease from the total figure reported two months ago, in April, was 5,023, 82% of which were higher level estimated cadre.

(C) Population living in villages where the "authority and control" of the GVN is greater than the VCI was 97.6%, a decrease of 0.2% from the May figure. There are 285 villages in RVN excluded from this category, with the VCI reported as having authority and control as great or greater than the GVN. In 800 villages, in which 19.1% of the total HES-counted population lives, the authority and control of the VCI are rated "at least significant." This represents an increase of 1.1% from the May figure. In all Big Mack reports, "total population" refers to the Hamlet Evaluation System current population figures.

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	<u>Number of VC Villages</u>	<u>% of Total Population</u>
Total VC Villages Reported	2417	100.0
No VCI Known To Exist	375	22.6
Marginal Authority and Control	1242	58.2
Less than GVN, but Significant	515	16.7
Equal to GVN	81	1.6
Greater than GVN	43	.6
VCI only Government in Village	161	.1
Authority and Control At Least Significant	800	19.1
Authority and Control As Great or greater than GVN	285	2.4

(C) Only 0.3% of the population lives in the 157 villages where the VCI conduct operations openly day and night. An additional 2.8% of the population of the RVN lives in those 147 villages where the VCI operates secretly by day and openly at night. 41.0% of the population lives in villages where the VCI were able to conduct operations on a more than occasional basis; this percentage, which includes the two percentages above, reflects an increase of 1.3% from the May figure.

	<u>Number of VC Villages</u>	<u>% of Total Population</u>
Total VC Villages Reported	2417	100.0
No VCI Exists	372	22.1
Exists, but does not operate	204	11.1
Only operates occasionally	566	25.6
Operates secretly and only at night	683	27.3
Operates secretly day and night	288	10.4
Operates secretly in the day/ openly at night	147	2.8
Operates openly during day and night	157	.3
Operates regularly, secretly or openly, day or night	1275	41.0
Operates openly either by day or by night or both	304	3.2

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(C) The VCI provided governmental-type services to 248 villages in which 5.9% of the population resides. This is an increase of 0.6% from May's report. As in previous months, legal services were provided to the greatest number of people, with the medical and educational systems following. The VCI have some sort of financial system in villages containing 1.6% of the population; this figure reflects a 0.6% increase from the May report.

	<u>Number of VC Villages</u>	<u>% of Total Population</u>
Total VC Villages Reported	2417	100.0
Villages having VC Educational system	98	1.9
Villages having VC Medical system	151	2.6
Villages having VC Legal system	133	4.0
Villages having VC Financial system	76	1.6
Villages having at least one VC Provided Government Service	248	5.9

(C) Revolutionary Committees and Councils (RC's) represent a major political and psychological threat to the GVN. The extent to which they exist and perform their operations independent of other local party organizations should be considered in the light of their general presence throughout the RVN. The following tables show number of RC's reported by VC village, district, and province boundaries and the overlap of the RC's and other VC village party organizations.

	<u>Number Reported</u>	<u>Percentage of Vil/Dist/Prov Having RC's</u>
Total VC Villages	2417	
Villages Having RC's	1018	42.1
Total VC Districts	277	
Districts Having RC's	167	60.2
Total VC Provinces	40	
Provinces Having RC's	36	90.0

Party/RC Overlap

	<u>No. of VC Villages</u>	<u>% of Total Population</u>
Total VC Villages reported	2417	100.0
RC Exists	1018	36.0
RC's perform functions substantially independent of other VC Village party organizations	216	7.5

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(C) The VCI residence question may not be a valid indication of the effectiveness of the VC in his own area, however, it may be helpful in determining the extent of security in his locale which might force him to seek refuge away from his home. A significant change has occurred in the full time residence category. In November 1970, 12.3% of the VCI lived in the village or hamlet in which they operated. The Big Mack for June shows this figure has increased to 15.9%. VCI residence is summarized in the following chart:

	<u>No. of VC Villages</u>	<u>% of Total Population</u>
Total VC Villages Reported	2417	100.0
Neither VCI nor their families live in even one hamlet	357	23.1
VCI do not live in even one hamlet but their families do	907	35.4
VCI live in at least one hamlet, but on a part time basis only	532	21.4
Full time residence in at least one hamlet	465	15.9
Unknown	156	4.0

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## II. MR Overview

(C) Strengths did not vary significantly in any of the MRs during June. The greatest changes were a decrease of 728 in MR1 and an increase of 330 in MR3. The majority of these changes occurred in the identified categories. In MR4 the village/hamlet level identified category increased about 400, while the higher level estimated category decreased about 800.

	<u>MR1</u> <u>Identified</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Village/ Hamlet Level	6,319	3,795	10,114
Higher Level	1,265	2,096	3,361
Total	7,584(-794)	5,891(+66)	13,475(-728)

	<u>MR2</u> <u>Identified</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Village/ Hamlet Level	4,190	5,834	10,024
Higher Level	1,944	2,826	4,770
Total	6,134(-76)	8,660(+138)	14,794(+62)

	<u>MR3</u> <u>Identified</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Village/ Hamlet Level	2,402	2,762	5,164
Higher Level	3,490	3,009	6,499
Total	5,892(+308)	5,771(+22)	11,663(+330)

	<u>MR4</u> <u>Identified</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Village/ Hamlet Level	5,052	10,699	15,751
Higher Level	1,475	2,536	4,011
Total	6,527(+407)	13,235(-412)	19,762(-5)

(C) MR 4 continues to show the greatest VCI presence. June's report indicates that 9.0% of the population of MR 4 lives in villages where the VCI provides some form of governmental services. The VCI also have the capability of conducting operations on a more than occasional basis in 495 villages comprising 55.4% of the MR 4 population. The VCI influence in the four regions is summarized in the following chart (the parentheses indicate significant changes from the May figure):

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	Percentage of Total Population in the MR			
	MR 1	MR 2	MR 3	MR 4
No VCI exists	22.8	13.0	41.7	9.9
Exists, but does not operate	14.4(-3.1)	8.3(+3.4)	7.4	13.9
Only operates occasionally	23.6	31.8(-4.1)	29.2	20.6
Operates secretly and only by night	28.3	26.6(-3.9)	19.7	33.5
Operates secretly day and night	7.3	12.8	1.3	18.3
Operates secretly/day openly/night	2.5	6.5	.4	3.2
Operates openly during day and night	.8	.7	.0	.2
Some government service provided	4.0	6.3	3.1	9.0
VCI authority equal or greater than GVN	1.6	6.9	.2	2.4
Significant authority, but less than GVN	18.9(+4.0)	32.0(+7.1)	4.4	25.1

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(C) The Big Mack measures the VCI influence over the population in three areas. These are the VCI's access to the population, the VCI's services for the population, and the VCI's authority over the population. By averaging the rankings for each GVN province on these criteria, an evaluation of overall enemy political influence can be constructed. The following chart portrays the ten provinces where the enemy exercises the least political influence and the twelve provinces where the enemy exercises the most political influence. Figures in parentheses to the left indicate the Big Mack influence rankings for May, while the figures in parentheses to the right indicate the province ranking according to HES (percent AB secure population) for May.

1	(1)	An Giang	(1)	44	(42)	Kien Hoa	(38)
2	(2)	Lam Dong	(11)	43	(42)	Binh Dinh	(40)
3	(3)	Long Khanh	(22)	42	(44)	An Xuyen	(30)
4	(4)	Gia Dinh	(2)	41	(41)	Chuong Thien	(41)
5	(14)	Quang Duc	(21)	40	(38)	Vinh Binh	(42)
6	(5)	Long An	(15)	39	(30)	Dinh Tuong	(24)
7	(17)	Khanh Hoa	(17)		(31)	Phong Dinh	(20)
8	(16)	Chau Doc	(12)	37	(35)	Phu Yen	(36)
9	(10)	Kien Phong	(6)		(37)	Kien Giang	(32)
10	(8)	Go Cong	(3)	35	(31)	Quang Ngai	(39)
					(40)	Vinh Long	(29)
				33	(33)	Tuyen Duc	(33)

(U) The differences between the Big Mack and total HES rankings reflect the fact that measures of security are not identical with measures of political influence. The enemy's political influence can be high in areas where military activity and terrorism are low, and vice versa.

(C) The Big Mack includes the first systematic attempt to measure the extent of the VCI's medical, educational, legal, or financial "governmental services" to the population. Nineteen provinces show some indicators of these services; and of these, eight show substantial evidence of these services. These provinces, in which at least ten percent of the population lives in villages where there are VCI-provided services, follow:

Phong Dinh	47.7%	Binh Dinh	14.2%
Tay Ninh	39.3%	Chuong Thien	10.6%
An Xuyen	29.9%	Quang Nam	10.4%
Kien Hoa	21.2%	Tuyen Duc	10.2%

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	SAIGON	0.6		1,051	0.0	0.0	0.0
	VUNG TAU	0.7		68	0.0	0.0	0.0
	CAM RANH	0.8		82	3.9	3.9	3.9
	DA NANG	1.3		559	0.0	0.0	0.0
	DA LAT	3.7		307	6.4	5.9	0.0
1	AN GIANG	0.3	1	199	0.0	2.9	0.0
2	GIA DINH	0.5	4	689	1.1	4.3	0.0
3	SA DEC	0.7	12	207	2.6	35.1	0.0
4	QUANG DUC	1.1	5	41	0.0	20.3	0.0
	GO CONG	1.1	9(T)	208	10.6	13.5	0.0
6	CHAU DOC	1.2	8	689	7.2	19.5	0.0
7	KIEN PHONG	1.3	9(T)	522	4.8	27.4	0.0
8	LONG AN	1.6	6	619	1.1	19.2	0.0
9	KHANH HOA	2.1	7	942	10.4	30.1	0.0
10	PHONG DINH	2.2	37(T)	1,051	24.4	50.3	47.7
	BAC LIEU	2.2	28	703	25.7	94.2	0.0
12	NINH THUAN	2.4	23	470	39.0	43.8	0.0
13	HAU NGHIA	2.5	30	551	48.0	80.7	0.0
	BIEN HOA	2.5	11	1,194	6.6	28.1	0.0
15	THUA THIEN	2.7	15	1,450	11.9	40.8	0.0
16	BA XUYEN	3.0	26	1,227	11.6	47.4	1.0
	QUANG TRI	3.0	13	915	13.9	23.3	0.0
18	VINH LONG	3.2	33(T)	1,705	32.0	63.2	2.6
19	DINH TUONG	3.6	39	1,679	41.0	74.9	2.9
20	KIEN GIANG	3.7	35(T)	1,737	22.3	78.3	6.1
21	LAM DONG	4.0	2	305	0.0	8.7	0.0
22	DARLAC	4.5	16	1,027	0.6	3.1	8.1
23	QUANG NGAI	4.6	35(T)	3,373	29.4	60.2	7.1
24	BINH DINH	4.8	43	4,446	62.2	79.3	14.2
?	TAY NINH	4.8	32	1,853	2.1	81.0	39.3
26	PHU YEN	4.9	37(T)	1,621	33.8	53.3	8.4
	BINH DUONG	4.9	14	1,249	7.4	43.9	0.0
28	VINH BINH	5.0	40	2,000	50.0	78.1	9.5
29	KIEN HOA	5.3	44	3,152	55.1	89.4	21.2
	QUANG TIN	5.3	29	2,204	29.6	36.6	2.7

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32	CHUONG THIEN	5.9	41	1,531	47.4	89.3	10.6
33	BINH THUAN	6.6	20	1,834	25.2	37.5	0.0
34	PLEIKU	6.8	24	1,450	38.2	55.7	0.0
	PHU BON	6.8	25	436	18.6	21.6	5.5
36	TUYEN DUC	7.1	33(T)	804	16.2	69.9	10.2
	PHUOC TUY	7.1	17	853	9.3	52.1	0.0
38	BINH LONG	8.2	22	630	19.6	61.2	0.0
39	QUANG NAM	8.4	31	4,974	25.1	50.0	10.4
40	KONTUM	8.8	18	1,029	6.9	7.2	2.0
41	BINH TUY	9.2	19	678	0.0	100.0	0.0
42	AN XUYEN	9.7	42	2,546	38.4	97.8	29.9
43	KIEN TUONG	10.7	27	606	50.6	55.7	0.0
44	PHUOC LONG	29.5	21	1,374	39.7	32.1	0.0

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